

SENATE JUDICIARY

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Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2006 3:24 PM
To: Neil Ugrin
Subject: Benefis east Surgery Volume Shifts

Neil,

Here are some observations I have made over the summer and fall of 2006 as it relates to Great Falls Clinic Surgery volume changes.

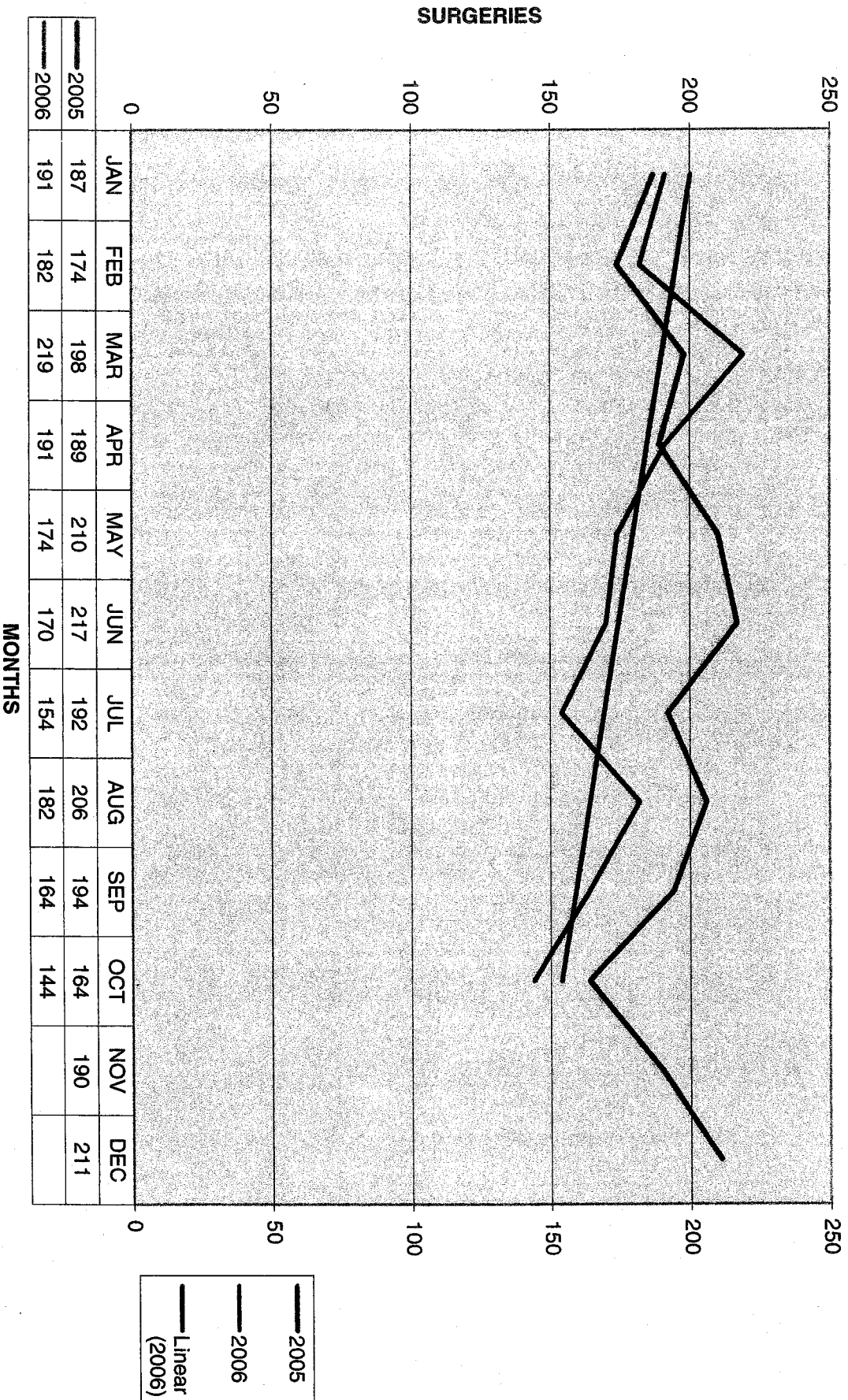
1. The Clinic GYN Surgeons have begun moving cases to their hospital. Two surgeons in particular have moved approximately 30% to 40% of their volume of surgery to the Surgical Hospital.
2. The Clinic General Surgeons appear to have been moving around 15-20% of cases to their Hospital.
3. One Clinic Urologist appears to be giving up 50% of his block time at Benefis, but his actual volume is only down about 15-20%.
4. We appear to be seeing Clinic Surgeons that have "ad on" cases on our schedule but are not available to operate until after office, or after operating some where else. This leaves Benefis in a less than efficient situation, having surgical crews, anesthesia all available during day time hours but with nothing to do until evening and working into the night. This is hard on staff, anesthesia, most of which have to be back to work at 0700 the following day. It is also very expensive given the overtime compensation we pay our staff.
5. We also appear to be seeing less Blue Cross/ Montana Care insured patients in our surgery payer mix.

Thank you,

Dennis Lott
Manager
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